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GENEVA PASS TO ICEM

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SUBJ: ICEM BUDGET FOR THAILAND

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED 12-MONTH ICEM BUDGET PREPARED BY ALBERT CORCOS. FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE PROJECTED DEPARTURE OF 19,000 REFUGEES (ABOUT 15,000 UNDER LRP AND ABOUT 4000 APPROVED EARLIER UNDER IPP-77 OR IPP-78). IN FACT ABOUT 18,750 REFUGEES WILL DEPART THAILAND IN NEXT 12 MONTHS (ABOUT 3750 REMAINING IPP REFUGEES AND 15,000 UNDER LRP). WE HAD HOPED TO PROVIDE A LINE-BY-LINE COMPARISON OF COSTS WITH THE 1976 ICEM BUDGET BUT SUCH A COMPARISON HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE DUE TO INADEQUACY OF LOCAL ICEM RECORDS. PARA 6 GIVES A GROSS COMPARISON TO THE 1976 PROGRAM. THE BUDGET WAS PROVIDED ON AUGUST 14 TO ICEM/GENEVA; IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE MAJOR CHANGES.

2. PROJECTED COSTS UNDER THIS BUDGET ARE PROBABLY SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN FOR THE LONG-TERM ICEM BUDGET WHICH MAY REFLECT SOME STAFF REDUCTIONS. CORCOS
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BELIEVES THAT SUCH STAFF REDUCTIONS COULD POSSIBLY BEGIN WITHIN SIX MONTHS. ALSO IF SOME LINE ITEMS HAVE BEEN OVERSETIMATED IN THIS BUDGET THEY WILL BE REDUCED IN THE LONG-TERM BUDGET WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MID-AUTUMN.

3. BREAKOUT OF MAJOR ITEMS (COSTS IN DOLLARS):

SECTION	TITLE	ANNUAL	PER MONTHLY	CAPITAL
I	STAFF	126,802	10,567	6.67
II	OFFICE EXPENSES	66,000	5,500	3.47
III	STAFF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	62,086	5,174	3.28
IV	REFUGEE TRANSPORT	28,080	2,340	1.48
V	MEDICAL	105,870	8,823	5.57
IV	PHOTOS	10,250	854	0.35
	SUBTOTAL	405,688	33,807	21.36
VIII	AIR FARES	8,170,000	680,833	430.00
IX	SERVICE FEE	570,000	47,500	30.00
	TOTALS	9,145,688	762,141	481.36

4. LINE-BY-LINE BREAKOUT (COSTS IN DOLLARS):

SECTION I-STAFF (12-MONTH PERIOD FOR MOVEMENT OF 19,000 REFUGEES)

	ANNUAL	PER MONTHLY	CAPITA
A. LOCAL EMPLOYEES	77,616	6,468	4.08
1. OPERATIONS	49,944	4,162	2.63
2. MEDICAL (SEE THE NOTE)	27,672	2,306	1.46
(NOTE: 80 PERCENT OF TOTAL ICEM/BANGKOK MEDICAL COSTS)			
B. LOCAL EMPLOYEES OT	15,000	1,250	0.79
C. CASUAL LABOR (12 MOS)	5,000	417	0.26
D. ICEM OFFICIAL (WHARTON)	25,186	2,099	1.55

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E. UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURES	4,000	333	0.21
TOTAL SECTION I	126,802	10,567	6.67
SECTION II-OFFICE EXPENSES			
A. TELECOMMUNICATIONS	50,000	4,167	2.63
B. PHOTOSTATS AND STATIONERY	15,000	1,250	0.79
C. UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURES	1,000	83	0.05
TOTAL SECTION II	66,000	5,500	3.47
SECTION III-STAFF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE			
A. BANGKOK TRANSPORT	10,000	833	0.53
(NO SUBSISTENCE RQRD)			
B. UPCOUNTRY TRAVEL COSTS AND SUBSISTENCE			
1. ICEM MEDICAL OFFICER'S TRIP TO OUTLYING CAMPS AND HOSPITALS:			
A. TRAVEL	1,400		
B. SUBSISTENCE	2,500		
	3,900	325	0.21
2. FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND URINE TESTS BASED ON AVERAGE OF 16 TRIPS PER MONTH FOR 1 TO 2 PERSONS:			
A. TRAVEL	14,400		
B. SUBSISTENCE	26,200		
	40,600	3,383	2.14

3. FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND FINGERPRINTS (ACCOMPANYING INS
OFFICIALS ON AVERAGE OF 2 TO 3 WEEKS PER MONTH):

A. TRAVEL 3,000

B. SUBSISTENCE 4,586

7,586 632 0.40

TOTAL SECTION III 62,086 5,173 3.28

SECTION IV-REFUGEE TRANSPORT (BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR REFUGEES)

A. FROM IMMIGRATION CENTER 14,040 1,170 0.74
TO AIRPORT

TOTAL SECTION IV 28,080 2,340 1.48

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SECTION V - MEDICAL

A. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS (PHYSICAL/BLOODTESTS/X-RAYS/
URINE TESTS) AT HOSPITALS IN BANGKOK AND OUTLYING
CAMPS (IN U.S. DOLLARS):

6,300 CHILDREN AND INFANTS (1/3 OF 19,000)
AT DOLLARS 3-18,900

12,700 ADULTS (2/3 OF 19,000)
AT DOLLARS 6-76,200
95,100 7,925 5.01

B. URINE OPIATE TESTS 700 REFS PER 1,000
AT 50 CENTS PER HEAD 6,650
RETESTS AS REQUIRED 2,220
8,870 739 0.47

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	ANNUAL	PER MONTHLY	CAPITA
C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, TREATMENT AND OTHER UNFORESEEN MEDICAL COSTS			
	1,900	158	0.10
TOTAL SECTION V	105,870	8,822	5.58
SECTION IV-PHOTOS			

IDENTITY PHOTOGRAPHS (SERIES OF 6 PHOTOS PLUS 2 OF FAMILY
GROUP PICTURES)

	10,250	854	0.54
TOTAL SECTION VI	10,250	854	0.54

SECTION VII-CONTROL AND AUDITING (TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE
FOR CONTROL ACTIVITIES)A. WITHIN THAILAND AND FOUR CONTROL TRIPS FROM BANGKOK
TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE

	3,800	317	0.20
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B. VISIT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FROM HEADQUARTERS
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	2,800	233	0.15
TOTAL SECTION VII	6,600	550	0.35

SECTION VIII-AIR FARES (BASED ON 19,000 REFUGEES AT
ESTIMATED DOLLARS 430 PER CAPITA FARE)

AIRFARES TO FINAL

DESTINATION IN U.S.	8,170,000	680,833	430.
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SECTION IX-SERVICE FEE (BASED ON 19,000 AT DOLLARS
30 PER CAPITA AS INDICATED BY ICEM HEADQUARTERS)

	570,000	47,500	30.
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TOTALS-SECTIONS

VIII AND IX	8,740,000	728,333	460.
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5. NOTES ON LINE ITEMS:

A. ITEM I/D, WHARTON SALARY: WHARTON IS PRESENTLY EARNING 17,124 DOLLARS WITH NO ALLOWANCES; HE WAS RAISED TO THIS IN JANUARY 1978 FROM EARLIER SALARY OF 11,604 DOLLARS. ICEM/GENEVA WISHES TO RAISE HIM TO CLASS 3 AS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE AT A SALARY OF 18,193 DOLLARS; TOTAL COSTS (INCLUDING TERMINAL EMOLUMENTS, PROVIDENT FUND, POST ADJUSTMENT AND MEDICAL INSURANCE) WOULD BE 25,186 DOLLARS PER ANNUM. EMBASSY FAVORS WHARTON'S CONVERSION TO PERMANENT STATUS, BUT BELIEVES THAT WHARTON SHOULD RECEIVE NOT MORE THAN PRESENT RATE OF PAY OF 17,124 DOLLARS (OR SOMEWHAT LOWER BECAUSE OF ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENEFITS HE WILL RECEIVE AS PERMANENT EMPLOYEE). EMBASSY RECOMMENDS GRADE 2 ON ICEM PAY SCALE AT ANNUAL SALARY OF 15,096 DOLLARS AND TOTAL COSTS INCLUDING BENEFITS OF ABOUT 21,896 DOLLARS PER ANNUM. THIS WOULD ALSO SOMEWHAT BE MORE IN LINE WITH JVR AND DEPUTY JVR SALARIES. ACTION UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE WHICH SALARY LEVEL WHARTON SHOULD RECEIVE.

B. ITEM III/A, LOCAL TAXI TRANSPORTATION: TAXI TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE REDUCED BY ABOUT ONE THIRD IF AN ICEM VEHICLE IS PURCHASED. EMBASSY AND ICEM ARE LOOKING INTO THIS POSSIBILITY. COST OF A VEHICLE WOULD BE ABOUT 10,000 DOLLARS (DUTY FREE).

C. ITEM IV/B, TRANSPORT TO AIRPORT: TRANSPORT OF REFUGEES TO THE AIRPORT PRESENTLY IS PROJECTED AT ABOUT 14,040 DOLLARS PER ANNUM. ICEM/BANGKOK BELIEVES THAT REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE AIRLINES PROBABLY COULD BE OBTAINED FOR THIS EXPENSE BUT PREFERS TO WAIT UNTIL THE AIRLINES ARE APPROACHED ON A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS TO PROVIDE A WIDER RANGE OF NO-COST SERVICES, OR COST-SHARING WITH THE AIRLINES.

D. ITEM VIII, CONTROL AND AUDITING: ICEM/GENEVA HAS PROPOSED FOUR CONTROL TRIPS FROM BANGKOK TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE AND ONE VISIT BY AN INTERNAL AUDITOR FROM GENEVA TO BANGKOK. WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THESE COSTS TO BE SHARED BETWEEN THE U.S. PROGRAM AND OTHER NON-U.S. REFUGEE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

6 COMPARISON TO 1976 COSTS: BECAUSE REMAINING LOCAL ICEM RECORDS FOR 1976 ARE SKETCHY, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR ICEM/BANGKOK TO PROVIDE A LINE-BY-LINE COMPARISON TO THE 1976 BUDGET. ICEM/GENEVA ADDS THAT IT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A MORE DEFINITIVE COMPARISON TO 1976 COSTS BECAUSE "ALMOST NO COMPARISON EXISTS, AND FIGURES AVAILABLE COULD

NOT BE ADJUSTED TO TRY TO GIVE ANY COMPARISON."

BASED ON THE PROJECTED ICEM COSTS FOR MOVEMENT OF 11,000
EPP REFUGEES (AS ESTIMATED IN BANGKOK 14584 OF 23 MAY
1976 AND NOT INCLUDING 1976 COSTS SUCH AS EX-PCV SALA-
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RIES), COMPARABLE PER CAPITA COSTS WERE APPARENTLY ABOUT
24.00 DOLLARS PER REFUGEE. THIS IS SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN
THE FIGURE OF 21.35 DOLLARS PER REFUGEE IN THE PRESENT
BUDGET, WHERE FIXED COSTS ARE SHARED AMONG A LARGER NUMBER
OF REFUGEES. BOTH FIGURES ARE EXCLUSIVE OF AIRFARE AND
ICEM SERVICE FEE.

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7. SERVICE FEE (30 DOLLARS PER REFUGEE): THE ICEM
SERVICE FEE COVERS A NUMBER OF COSTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT
LIMITED TO, ICEM/BANGKOK RENT OF APPROXIMATELY 9,000
DOLLARS ANNUALLY, TWO-THIRDS OF ICEM/BANGKOK COMMON
SERVICES (ACCOUNTING, TELEX OPERATOR ETC.) AND 85 PCT OF
DR. KARaulNIK'S SALARY OF 38,000, DOLLARS I.E. ABOUT
32,000 DOLLARS, KARaulNIK STATES THAT HE SPENDS ABOUT 85
PCT OF HIS TIME ON THE U.S. PROGRAM AND ICEM BELIEVES THAT
85 PCT OF SALARY SHOULD THEREFORE BE COVERED BY THE U.S.

PROGRAM. ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE HE ALSO PROVIDES
SIMILAR, BUT LESS EXTENSIVE, MEDICAL SERVICES TO AUSTRALIA
AND FRANCE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO HOLD OUT FOR ONLY 50 PCT
OF SALARY CHARGEABLE TO THE U.S. PROGRAM.

8. ICEM/GENEVA BELIEVES THE U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE TO PICK
UP SOME OF SCHILITZ'S SALARY (10 PCT). DURING CORCOS'
PRESENCE HERE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TACTIC IS JUSTIFIED.
AFTER THE START-UP PHASE IS COMPLETE WITHIN A FEW MONTHS,
HOWEVER, THE U.S. PROGRAM WOULD AGAIN PRESUMABLY REVERT
TO MANAGEMENT BY THE CHIEF ICEM REPRESENTATIVE (IN ADDI-
TION OF COURSE TO WHARTON WHO WOULD REMAIN AS OPERATIONS
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OFFICER). AT THAT POINT, THE U.S. SERVICE FEE COULD THEN
BE USED TO COVER A PORTION OF THE ICEM REPRESENTATIVE'S
SALARY. WE BELIEVE THIS PORTION SHOULD BE ABOUT 50 PCT.
ICEM/GENEVA WISHES TO DISCUSS DIRECTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT
THE COSTS CHARGED TO THE SERVICE FEE AND THUS DID NOT
PROVIDE ICEM/BANGKOK OR EMBASSY WITH FULL BREAKOUT OF COSTS
COVERED UNDER THE SERVICE FEE. AFTER THE DEPARTMENT DIS-
CUSSES THE BUDGET WITH ICEM, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON COSTS THE SERVICE FEE COVERS.
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